# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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QUALITY OF WATER IN GANGA RIVER .
RAMESHWAR DUDI

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether as per latest data of the Uttaranchal Regional Pollution Control Board(URPCB) the Ganga water has become very polluted at Har-Ki-Pauri in Haridwar which is a pilgrimage centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per study of URPCB consumption of the said water in even small quantity can cause serious diseases like Jaundice, Cholera and other stomach related ailments; and

(d) if so, the effective steps taken by the Government to provide clean Ganga water to the pilgrims and the measures taken to get rid of the problem of water pollution?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the latest data of Regional Office of Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board at Dehradun, for the period from January, 2001-January, 2002, as given below, all the parameters except total coliforms in river Ganga at Hardwar, are within the prescribed limits for bathing purposes. The water quality standards for bacterial quality namely total and fecal coliform have been revised and according to the revised standards, the total coliforms indicated in Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board Regional Office data are also within limits. The results of water quality monitoring programme under the Ganga Action Plan done separately also indicate that all parameters namely, Dissolved Oxygen, Biochemical Oxygen Demand and Total Coliform are within the prescribed limits. Water Quality Data of Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board for river Ganga at Hardwar for January,2001-January,2002

| Period | Range | | Standards for bathing class | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DO(mg/l) | BOD(mg/l) | Total Coliform (MPN /100 ml) | DO(mg/l) | BOD (mg/l) |
| Total Coliform (MPN/100ml) | | | | | |
| January 2001-02 | 8.2-9.5 | 1.8-2.5 | 900-1600 | More than 5.00 | Less than 3.00 |
| 10,000(revised from 500) | | | | | |

MPN-Most Probable Number

( c) As per report of Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board Regional Office, Dehradun, no cases of water borne ailments have been reported from Hardwar.

(d) Does not arise. However, a capacity to treat about 25 million litres per day of sewage has been created at Rishikesh-Hardwar under Ganga Action Plan Phase-I. This capacity is to be increased by another 7 million litres per day under the ongoing second phase of the Ganga Action Plan.